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Filing Date	January 16, 2002
First Named Inventor	Charles A. KING
Group Art Unit	1636
Examiner Name	D. Lambertson
Attorney Docket Number	N1375-002

Title of the Invention: Herbicide Resistant Dinitrogen Fixing Bacterial and Method of Use

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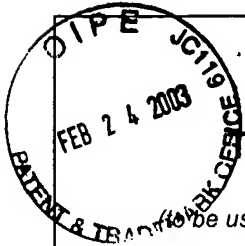
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2002, please enter the amendments contained on the following pages, which are summarized below.

Please cancel claims 25, 26 and 36. Please amend claims 7, 8 and 30 as shown on the following pages.

Marked up copies of the original text of the amended claims and specification are attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining () and material deleted is indicated by strike-out (~~strike-out~~).



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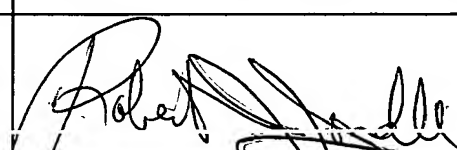
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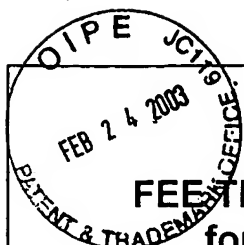
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(Small Entity)

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- ☐ Charge any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:
- ☒ Check
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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Fee Code	Fee Paid	Fee Description	Fee Paid
2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or cost	
2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	465
2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
2403	140	Request for Oral Hearing	
1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
2452	55	Petition to revive -unavoidable	
2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
2502	235	Design issue fee	
2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR .129(a))	
2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
1504	300	Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication	
1505	300	Publication fee for republication	
1455	200	Filing an application for patent term adjustment	
1456	400	Request for reinstatement of term reduced	
		Other fee (specify)	

FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING FEE

Fee Code	Fee \$	Fee Description	Fee Paid
2001	375	Utility filing fee	
2002	165	Design Filing Fee	
2003	260	Plant Filing Fee	
2004	375	Reissue Filing Fee	
2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	

SUBTOTAL \$

2. CLAIMS

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent Claims	Extra Claims	Fee \$	Fee Paid
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[]	[]	[]	- 3** = [] x	42 = []	[]
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